Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

2021 SPRING PLANT & FLOWER SALES

February 25, 2021

Dear Potential Plant & Flower Sale Vendor:

Spring is just around the corner and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is excited to welcome the season with our 2021 Spring Plant and Flower Sales. These events would not be a success without our vendors. We thank you for your devotion and hard work in your industry and we look forward to a successful season of plant and flower sales.

In this packet, you will find applications for each of the sales in which you are eligible to participate. Please be sure to carefully review all contents of this packet including rules and regulations, deadlines, and individual applications. The South Carolina Department of Commerce has granted approval of this event so you will notice additional safety guidelines.

Please complete an individual application for each sale you are interested in participating in and return to the specified address by the deadline noted on the application. Please write separate checks for each individual sale. All applications that are not accepted will be returned to you with your uncashed check or payment. Please submit your application and payment prior to the deadline. For vendors who have not previously participated in one of our plant and flower sales, please submit a picture of your set-up and display along with your application. Application approval is subject to the discretion of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. Vendors with industry related products will receive first priority at these events. Product exclusivity is not guaranteed amongst vendors.

MIDLANDS PLANT AND FLOWER SALE | SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FARMERS MARKET

Event dates are April 8-11, 2021. Set-up will take place on April 7 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Brad Boozer at (803) 737-4531 / bboozer@scda.sc.gov or Sonia Brazell (803) 737-4614 / sbrazell@scda.sc.gov.

PEE DEE PLANT AND FLOWER SALE | PEE DEE STATE FARMERS MARKET

Event dates are April 22-25, 2021. Set-up will take place on April 21 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Bob Sager at (843) 665-5154 / <u>bsager@scda.sc.gov</u> or Diane Guilfoil at (864) 665-5154 / <u>dguifoil@scda.sc.gov</u>.

PIEDMONT PLANT AND FLOWER SALE | GREENVILLE STATE FARMERS MARKET

Event dates are April 29-May 2, 2021. Set-up will take place on April 28 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, please contact Ardona Summerall at (864) 244-4023 or asummerall@scda.sc.gov.

If you are approved as a vendor by the Market Manager(s), you will receive a confirmation letter as well as the event's mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines. Vendors must adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines in addition to the rules and regulations listed in this application.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SALES

- 1. Applications will **NOT** be accepted without payment.
- 2. <u>Vendors must provide hand sanitizer station for customers and it is mandatory for all vendors to wear a mask throughout the event.</u>
- All spaces will be assigned by event personnel without vendors being guaranteed previous or requested locations.
- 4. Only items stated on application will be allowed for sale. Items sold must meet sale qualifications. All items must be confined to booth space purchased.
- 5. Vendors must remain in place for the entire sale. Do not arrive late or leave early.
- 6. Vendors are not allowed access to the sale area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- 7. Set-up or restocking is permitted before or after sale hours, **not during**.
- 8. Vendors may not assign or sublet spaces.
- 9. Booth must be clean at all times.
- 10. No smoking in booth spaces.
- 11. No pets.
- 12. Products must be top quality. Plant producers/ growers must have plants free of pests and fungi. Producers/growers are held accountable to the standards set forth by Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry.
- 13. Vendors are responsible for applicable licensing and taxes.

- 14. Vendors are responsible for ensuring their exhibit, personnel, display, and materials from any damage or loss.
- 15. Vendors are responsible for the behavior of their employees. All individuals must adhere to the sale rules and regulations.
- 16. Firearms, explosives, offensive materials, illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- 17. Vendors must park all vehicles and trailers in designated vendor parking area. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense and will risk being excluded from future sales.
- 18. We will not accommodate overnight RV's or campers on market property.
- 19. Vendors must respect the property of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture along with the property of fellow vendors.
- 20. All complaints must be in writing and will be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

 These forms are available at the information booth.
- 21. Vendors are cautioned that violations will result in sanctions imposed by event personnel, these sanctions may include exhibitors being excluded from future events and actual removal from the sale.
- 22. Event personnel reserve the right to make changes, amendments, and additions to these rules and regulations as it is considered necessary for the good of the event.

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